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Freedom of Information Act Request

This is a request for records under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).

I request a copy of any CIA biographies of Umaru Yar'Adua (1951-2010), president of Nigeria 2007-2010. The first page of an obituary of Mr. Yar'Adua published in the Daily Telegraph May 6 is enclosed as proof of his recent death.

I am willing to pay fees for this request up to a maximum of \$75. If you anticipate the fees will exceed this amount, please inform me first.

I am an individual asking for records for personal use, not for a commercial use.
Thank you in advance for your help.

Sincerely,

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Umaru Yar'Adua

Umaru Yar'Adua, who died on May 5 aged 58, became president of Nigeria in 2007 and set about grappling with his country's chronic problems of poverty, public health and political corruption; he also appointed himself energy minister, a brief that covered the huge oil reserves in the Niger Delta.

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Yar'Adua was an obscure state governor with a reputation as an energetic and effective political activist when he succeeded Olusegun Obasanjo in the first non-military transfer of power since Nigeria achieved independence from Britain in 1960 following a century of colonial rule.

His presidential victory was controversial: not only was he the nominee of the outgoing Obasanjo and considered by many to be his puppet, but also the election, in which Yar'Adua had swept to power with 70 per cent of the poll, had been marked by allegations of rigging and gross fraud.

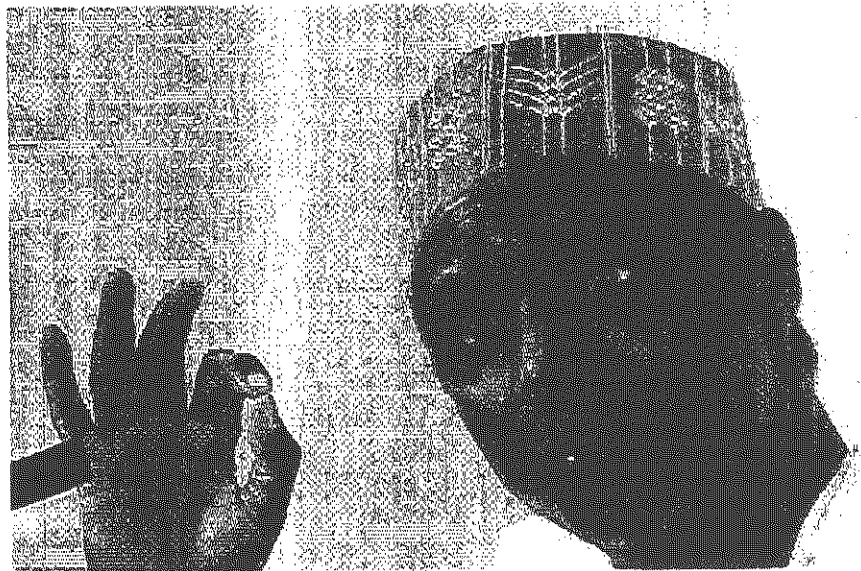


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Yar'Adua was a Muslim, and in 2000, as governor of the northern Nigerian state of Katsina, had introduced sharia law to his fiefdom. When a sharia court sentenced a local woman to death by stoning for committing adultery, the story attracted headlines around the world and her sentence was overturned on appeal. But overall, Yar'Adua's